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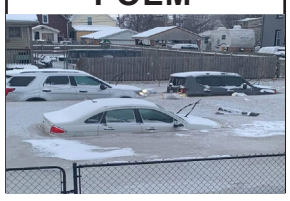

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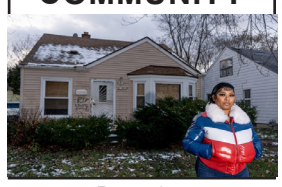

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Was your Detroit home
foreclosed? Wayne Co.
might owe you money

Los habitantes del suroeste de Detroit se unen para apoyar a sus vecinos

Por el personal de EL CENTRAL

Hace poco más de una semana, se rompió una de las tuberías principales de agua, a primera hora de la mañana del lunes 17 de febrero y provocó una inundación repentina en aproximadamente una milla cuadrada, de un denso vecindario del suroeste de Detroit que dañó casi 400 casas. Pocos desastres en la historia de la ciudad pueden compararse con la magnitud de los daños y los costos de reparación de los residentes.

Posteriormente, la ciudad de Detroit y la Autoridad del Agua de los Grandes Lagos (GLWA) han dado un paso adelante para hacerse cargo del problema y solucionarlo. El alcalde de Detroit, Mike Duggan, ha asegurado repetidamente a los residentes de la zona afectada que la ciudad y la GLWA se harán responsables por la falla masiva y sin precedentes de la infraestructura, limpieza y reparación de todas las casas dañadas por la inundación.

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Southwest Detroiters Unite to Support Neighbors

Volunteers Distributing Supplies to Residents with Homes Damaged by Massive Water Main Break

By EL CENTRAL Staff

Just over a week ago, a break in a huge water transmission line early in the morning of Monday, February 17 led to the sudden flooding over roughly a square mile of a dense Southwest Detroit neighborhood damaging nearly 400 homes. Few disasters in the City's history can compare to the extent of the damage and the costs of making the residents whole.

In the days that have followed, the City of Detroit and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) have stepped up to own the problem and its resolution. Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan has repeatedly reassured the residents in the affected area that the City and GLWA will take responsibility for the massive and unprecedented infrastructure failure and the clean up and repairs to all the houses damaged by the flooding.

At the same time, nonprofit agencies across Southwest Detroit have rallied to organize volunteers and the collection of supplies including food, clothes and cleaning supplies to help with the clean-up. Not to be outdone, individual neighbors and block clubs have sprung into action to set up their own assistance centers near ground zero of the flooding at Green and Lisbon Streets.

Photo provided by Detroit World Outreach

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City of Detroit Performing Arts Summit

Gathering for creative arts leaders and workers to discuss investing in the city's creative workforce

The City of Detroit Office of Arts, Culture and Entrepreneurship (Detroit ACE) in partnership with the Detroit School of Arts (DSA) and the Kresge Foundation, is hosting a city-wide Performing Arts Summit, Art is Business, to examine ways to better support one of the nation's greatest creative workforces. The summit continues the Creativity Takes Courage campaign ACE began last year.

Art is Business is Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m. at the Detroit School of Arts, 123 Selden Street. It will feature Detroit musicians, filmmakers and performers as well as leaders from other cities who have tackled similar issues. The summit will mirror forums and conferences being held nationwide to address the challenges faced by those in entertainment industries and recommend ways to create a more collaborative creative economy and arts sector.

For example, this month the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Creatives Rebuild New York hosted "Investing in the Creative Workforce for a Strong Economy." The event featured presentations and discussions on creative financing of cultural spaces and businesses and worker cooperatives to support creative workers. Their theme: Art Takes Work, was epitomized in this video: https://vimeo.com/1045811198

This Detroit performing arts summit shares these same challenges and will examine how the creative community and its workforce can drive a healthy economy across Detroit, Michigan and the nation.

Professionals in the genres of theatre, music, dance and film are invited to participate as a large group and then work in separate breakout sessions to share ways that Detroit's performing arts workforce can drive a healthy economy and enrich our community.

This summit will feature presentations on Detroit's creative landscape and recommend ways to increase our creative arts investment and learn what individual performers and workers need to be successful in Detroit.

The Summit comes at a time when creative economies across the country are grappling with:

- New technology such as artificial intelligence (AI) threatening artistic intellectual property.
- The growing costs of living affecting high rates of displacement.
- The uncertainty of career or entrepreneurial pathways into the arts sector.

All require new pivots and cross-industry partnerships that could shape a different foreseeable future.

Creative professionals in theatre, music, dance and film who wish to tackle these questions should register for the Summit and indicate which industry they represent.

Detroit ACE (Detroit City Arts) partners with organizations across the region to enhance and grow investment in fine and performing arts, culture and history with a special focus on artistic entrepreneurship and support for Detroit's creative workforce. Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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To register for the summit please visit:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1248698915069?aff=oddtdtcreator

Latino Theater Company and Organización Secreta Teatro's 'A Girl Grows Wings.' (Photo by Erika Gomez.)

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Southwest Detroit Unites to Support Families of the Flooding

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On a visit to the site of the water main break this past Tuesday, Mayor Mike Duggan briefed the community and the press on the progress being made to get residents back into their homes as soon as possible. He outlined six steps in the process, including home inspections, clean-up of debris, sanitation of home interiors, replacement of damaged appliances such as hot water heaters and furnaces, final inspections with families, and moving families back into their homes.

GLWA officials predict the 54" water main will be fully repaired by the end of the first week of March. Meanwhile, the Mayor and City officials maintain that the affected residents should all be back in their sanitized and repaired homes by the end of March (six weeks from the time of the flooding).

Below, you will find some resources that are available to residents in the affected area as well as ways that supporters can still drop off donations or make a monetary donation to support the residents as they recover from the disaster.

Los habitantes del suroeste de Detroit se unen para apoyar a sus vecinos

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Al mismo tiempo, las ONG en el suroeste de Detroit se han unido para organizar voluntarios y recolectar suministros, incluidos alimentos, ropa y artículos de limpieza, para ayudar con el saneamiento. Para no quedarse atrás, los vecinos y los clubes de barrio se han puesto en acción para establecer sus propios centros de asistencia cerca de la zona cero de la inundación, en las calles Green y Lisbon.

En una visita al lugar donde se rompió la tubería, el alcalde Mike Duggan informó a la comunidad y a la prensa sobre el progreso que se ha hecho para que los residentes regresen a sus hogares lo antes posible. Esbozó seis pasos en el proceso, que incluyen inspecciones de viviendas, limpieza de escombros, saneamiento del interior de las viviendas, reemplazo de electrodomésticos dañados como calentadores de agua y hornos, inspecciones finales con las familias y el regreso de las familias a sus hogares.

Los funcionarios de GLWA predicen que la tubería principal de agua de 54" estará completamente reparada para finales de la primera semana de marzo. Mientras tanto, el alcalde y los funcionarios de la ciudad sostienen que los residentes afectados deberían estar de regreso en sus hogares desinfectados y reparados a fines de marzo (seis semanas después de la inundación).

Abajo, encontrará algunos recursos disponibles para los residentes en el área afectada, así como formas en que se podrían hacer donaciones de suplementos o en efectivo, para apoyar a los residentes mientras se recuperan del desastre.

Traducción Carmen Elena Luna

Volunteers from the American Red Cross and LA SED take a break from distributing much needed supplies at the LA SED Senior and Youth Center, only blocks from the affected area

On Tuesday, Mayor Duggan visited with volunteers led by Jimmy Rios (wearing straw hat) and Sonia Rose (center) at the Community Outreach PopUp Center on his visit to the area affected by the water main break

LA SED, Inc.

American Red Cross

SOUTHWEST DETROIT WATER MAIN EMERGENCY RESOURCE SITE

RED CROSS PROVIDING BASIC HEALTH & MEDICAL SUPPORT

- MEDICATION REPLACEMENT
- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT
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LA SED WILL BE PROVIDING

COMMUNITY INTERPETERS & OTHER RESOURCES

Please bring or provide some sort of identification that proves you're living in the affected water main area.

RED CROSS SITE

LA SED Youth Center and Senior Center
7150 W Vernor St, Detroit, MI 48209
Phone: 313-841-1419

Dates

Friday, February 21st- Friday, February 28th

10am- 6pm

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY LA SED

TRANSPORTATION IS ONLY TO AND FROM LA SED
(**no extra stops**).
📞 **To schedule a ride, call:** 248-231-4574
🕘 **Scheduling Hours:** 9 AM – 5 PM
(must call at least 3 hours in advance)
🚍 **Transportation Hours:** 10 AM – 5 PM
📅 **Phone Line Availability:** This number will only be available until Friday, February 28th
This resource is available to anyone affected by the flood who needs transportation to LA SED.
Please share this with anyone who may need help!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT (313) 841-1419

SOUTHWEST STRONG

ACTUALIZACIONES PARA VECINOS QUE FUERON IMPACTADOS POR EL ROMPIMIENTO DE LA TUBERIA PRINCIPAL DEL AGUA

20/02/2025

DOCUMENTA LOS DAÑOS!

- ANTES DE LIMPIAR O TIRAR NADA, **TOMA FOTOGRAFÍAS Y VÍDEOS DE TODO LO AFECTADO**.
- HAZ UN INVENTARIO DE LOS ARTÍCULOS AFECTADOS Y ESTIMA LOS COSTOS POR REEMPLAZARLOS.

- DOCUMENTA TU EXPERIENCIA.
  - GRABA VÍDEOS CONTANDO TU HISTORIA, ANOTA DETALLES.
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A QUIÉN CONTACTAR:

- **LLAMA A LA CIUDAD DE DETROIT AL 313-774-5261.**
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- **LLAME A DTE Y SOLICITE UNA VERIFICACIÓN DE GAS AL 800-947-5000**. LA LÍNEA ESTÁ ABIERTA LAS 24 HORAS DEL DÍA.
  - ELLOS INSPECCIONARÁN EN BUSCA DE UNA FUGA DE GAS Y DESCONECTARÁN EL SERVICIO SI ES NECESARIO.

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- **¡CUIDADO CON LOS ESTAFADORES!** NO CONTRATE A EXTRAÑOS QUE SE OFREZCAN A ARREGLAR ALGO O LIMPIAR SÓTANOS.
- **FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD DE DETROIT NECESITAN ENTRAR A SU CASA.**
  - SOLICITE VER UNA IDENTIFICACIÓN.
    - LE PEDIRÁN QUE FIRME UNA EXENCIÓN PARA SEGUIR ADELANTE.
  - LOS MIEMBROS DE NUESTRAS ORGANIZACIONES REALIZARÁN REVISIONES DE BIENESTAR. ELLOS TAMBIÉN MOSTRARAN UNA IDENTIFICACIÓN.

QUÉ SIGUE, QUÉ PUEDE ESPERAR A CONTINUACIÓN?

- **EL ALCANCE DE EMERGENCIA DE LA CRUZ ROJA** EN LA SED DE 10A.M. A 6P.M. EN 7150 VERNOR HWY Y PATTON PARK EN 2301 WOODMERE ST A PARTIR DEL VIERNES 21/02/25.
  - REPOSICIÓN DE MEDICAMENTOS, PRODUCTOS DE HIGIENE, APOYO A LA SALUD MENTAL, PAÑALES...
- CENTROS DE INFORMACIÓN IMPULSADOS POR LA COMUNIDAD.
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INFORMACIÓN PROPORCIONADA POR ORGANIZACIONES COMUNITARIAS DE CONFIANZA

Southwest Water Main Break Fund

The Southwest Water Main Break Fund supports families who live in the immediate flood zone through the purchase of grocery cards, uber rides, underwear essentials, cleaning supplies and other needs families identify. Partnering organizations include and are not limited to: Urban Neighborhood Initiatives, Congress of Communities, Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, Southwest Detroit Business Association, Detroiters Helping Detroiters and other community groups.

To make a secure online donation, visit https://www.flipcause.com/secure/donate/MjI4NDE1

THIRD IN A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS OF DETROIT MAYORAL CANDIDATES 2025
TERCERO DE UNA SERIE DE ENTREVISTAS DE CANDIDATOS A LA ALCALDÍA DE DETROIT 2025

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Entrevista a Fred Durhal III por la candidatura a la alcaldía de Detroit

Por Annalise Frank | Axios Detroit – Reimpreso con autorización | Traducción Carmen Elena Luna

Si el miembro del Consejo Municipal Fred Durhal III se convierte en el próximo alcalde, implementaría una "calle principal" en cada distrito.

En general: Esta es la tercera de nuestra serie de entrevistas que analizan las prioridades políticas de los candidatos a la alcaldía. Los primeros fueron Mary Sheffield y Saunteel Jenkins.

- Es prematuro aún para saber quién sucederá al alcalde Mike Duggan, el cual lleva tres mandatos, lo que significa que cualquier candidato aún puede marcar la diferencia al atraer donadores y votantes.
- La carrera no partidista tiene sus primarias en agosto y las elecciones generales en noviembre.

Historia: Durhal y sus partidarios ven la historia de los nacidos en Detroit, en Lansing como un trampolín para lograr cambios en la ley, a nivel estatal y oportunidades de financiación para su ciudad.

- Durhal fue representante estatal de 2015 a 2019, cuando se ocupó de cuestiones presupuestarias en el Comité de Asignaciones de la Cámara, antes de postularse para el Concejo Municipal en 2021.
- Su padre, Fred Durhal Jr., también es un ex representante estatal y se postuló para alcalde en 2013.

Noticias: Durhal habló con Axios Detroit sobre sus objetivos políticos, incluida la reforma fiscal, la reconstrucción de vecindarios y el transporte regional.

- Quiere ver una "reforma fiscal integral", que compense las considerables cargas de impuesto a la propiedad para los residentes y las empresas, sin obligar a la ciudad a reducir sus ingresos. También apuntaría a agilizar los permisos y otros procesos para facilitar la realización de negocios.
- Uno de sus principales objetivos es expandir los principales corredores comerciales en cada uno de los distritos de la ciudad para hacer que los vecindarios sean más densos, deseables y transitables, lo que implica viviendas asequibles y vías para la propiedad de la vivienda.

Detroit Council member and former State Representative, Fred Durhal III announced his candidacy for mayor on January 29, 2025.

Fred Durhal III, miembro del Consejo de Detroit y ex representante estatal, anunció su candidatura a la alcaldía el 29 de enero de 2025.

Acercamiento: "Queremos aumentar la transitabilidad en nuestras comunidades, donde la gente tenga acceso a alimentos frescos, tenga acceso a una farmacia a una milla de su casa, pero esos corredores comerciales también crearán un entorno para las pequeñas empresas", dijo. "Las pequeñas empresas son catalizadores para crear riqueza generacional".

- Para ayudar a financiar el crecimiento del corredor, apuntaría a expandir la Autoridad de Desarrollo del Centro, que recauda impuestos para apoyar el desarrollo y el crecimiento empresarial, "cambiando la definición y sus límites para que se alimenten a nuestros corredores comerciales".

Trabajar con los gobiernos a nivel de condado para impulsar los planes de tránsito regional es una prioridad para hacer de Detroit una ciudad de clase mundial, según Durhal.

- "Queremos asegurarnos de aumentar la eficiencia del DDOT, asegurarnos de que los autobuses funcionen a tiempo, mejorar la experiencia del pasajero", así como poner más autobuses en las calles y aumentar el salario de los conductores", dice.

Su administración se sumergiría en la seguridad pública, buscando una solución de financiación sostenible para los esfuerzos de intervención de la ciudad contra la violencia comunitaria.

Actualidad: Una de las temáticas de su campaña, será la gran empresa y la comunidad, equilibrando los variados intereses y necesidades de quienes afectan y se ven afectados por la evolución del panorama de Detroit.

- Sobre esto, Durhal dice: "Hay que ser sensible a la comunidad empresarial y a nuestra comunidad en su conjunto... No me he disculpado por apoyar los incentivos fiscales, porque mi creencia fundamental es la creación de empleo. La gente dice que es el centro de la ciudad versus los barrios, cuando en realidad todos somos un Detroit y necesitamos ambos para prosperar.
- "Pero queremos que la gente sienta que esta ciudad también es para ellos, que pueden visitar el centro y también poder vivir en barrios seguros y limpios".

En resumen: cuando se le preguntó sobre una cualidad que aporta y que lo hace único entre los otros candidatos, Durhal dijo:

- "Seré el único candidato en esta carrera que puede decir que sirvió en la Alcaldía y en la Legislatura estatal, y eso viene acompañado de mucha construcción de coaliciones". Hizo hincapié en trabajar tanto con demócratas como con republicanos.
- "Por último, pero no por ello menos importante, devolveremos un ambiente más familiar al gobierno de la ciudad", añadió el padre de dos hijos.

Detroit Mayor's race sit-down: Fred Durhal III

By Annalise Frank | Axios | Reprinted with permission

If City Council member Fred Durhal III becomes mayor, he wants a "Main Street" in every district.

The big picture: This is the third in our series of interviews looking at announced mayoral candidates' policy priorities. First came Mary Sheffield and Saunteel Jenkins.

- It's still early in the race to succeed three-term mayor Mike Duggan, meaning any candidate can still make a difference in attracting donors and capturing voters' minds.
- The nonpartisan race has its primary in August and general election in November.

Flashback: Durhal and his supporters see the Detroit native's history in Lansing as a steppingstone to deliver state-level law changes and funding opportunities for his city.

- Durhal was a state representative from 2015-2019, when he dealt with budgetary issues in the House Appropriations Committee, before running for City Council in 2021.
- His father, Fred Durhal Jr., is also a former state representative and ran for mayor in 2013.

Driving the news: Durhal talked with Axios Detroit about his policy goals, including tax reform, rebuilding neighborhoods and regional transit.

- He wants to see "comprehensive tax reform," he says, offsetting the considerable property tax burdens for residents and businesses without forcing the city to lessen its revenue. He also would aim to streamline permitting and other processes to make doing business easier.
- One of his top goals is expanding main commercial corridors in each of the city's districts to make neighborhoods more dense, desirable and walkable. That density also involves affordable housing and pathways to homeownership.

Zoom in: "We want to increase walkability in our communities, where folks have access to fresh groceries, have access to a pharmacy within one mile of their home, but those commercial corridors will also create an environment for small businesses," he says. "Small businesses are catalysts to creating generational wealth."

- To help fund corridor growth, he would aim to expand the Downtown Development Authority, which collects taxes to support development and business growth, "by changing the definition and its boundaries to feed out into our commercial corridors."

Working with county-level governments to push regional transit plans forward is a priority for making Detroit a world-class city, according to Durhal.

- "We want to make sure we increase the efficiency of DDOT, make sure that the buses are running on time, improve the rider experience," as well as putting more buses on the road and increasing driver pay," he says.

He says his administration would dive into public safety, seeking a sustainable funding solution for the city's community violence intervention efforts.

State of play: One theme of the mayor's race is going to be big business and community — balancing the varied interests and needs of those affecting and affected by how Detroit's landscape is evolving.

- On this, Durhal says: "You've got to be sensitive to the business community and our community as a whole. … I've been unapologetic about supporting tax incentives, because my core belief is job creation. Folks put a narrative out there that it is downtown versus the neighborhoods, when in fact, we're all one Detroit, and we need both to thrive.
- "But we want folks to feel like this city is for them as well, that they can visit downtown and also still afford to stay in safe, clean neighborhoods."

The bottom line: Asked about a quality he brings to the table that makes him unique from the other candidates, Durhal says:

- "I'll be the only candidate in this race that can say I served on City Council and in the state Legislature, and that comes with a lot of coalition building." He emphasized working with both Democrats and Republicans.
- "Last, but not least, we'll bring a more familial feel back to city government," adds the father of two.

Beard and Green, we see you !

These are just words without any directions,
In the space of the scenes on the news, and reflections….
Maybe old neighbors , or current , or lost,
We feel you, we see you, and your pain is a cost….
To the soul of a city and its heart of its folks,
We were you, we were there, we see you being rescued by boats….
We see your homes from the bones that were built,
And just gained more respect from the Mayor and the guilt….
How they owned it and in a simple straight way,
Didn't mince words when he said "They will PAY"…..
Your a staple, your Detroit, your the tradition,
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I can't bring back your peace, your car, or your home,
We just need you to see us, and know you aren't alone…..
I'm a Brandon kid who played on Beard and Green,
I know first hand what those old houses mean…
Your life and any comfort , may it only be temporarily,
Upended in shambles and through it done fairly…..
We pray for you people and cry out for your needs,
And hope your families can come home, when the water RECEDES !

We love you Southwest Detroit !

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AG Nessel Stands with Refugees Against President Trump's Illegal Executive Order

LANSING – Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel joined a coalition of 19 state attorneys general in filing an amicus brief (PDF) challenging President Donald Trump's executive order suspending the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program. The brief supports a lawsuit opposing the Trump Administration's unlawful attempt to withhold critical, congressionally appropriated funding for refugee processing and services, an action that harms states, refugee communities, and the country's longstanding commitment to welcome refugees escaping humanitarian crises in their homelands.

The Refugee Act establishes a rigorous vetting process for individuals seeking asylum in the United States. Before entry, refugees undergo extensive security screening and are matched with resettlement agencies that provide critical assistance. Trump's "Realigning the United States Refugee Admissions Program" executive order indefinitely suspends refugee admissions and application processing, which Attorney General Nessel and the coalition argue directly contradicts federal law.

Refugees who resettle in the United States are legally authorized to work and make significant economic contributions. In Michigan alone, refugees paid $217.9 million in state and local taxes in 2022 and contributed $1.9 billion to the state's economy. Nationwide, refugee households hold an estimated $83.1 billion in spending power.

The coalition argues Trump's executive order unlawfully halts the entry and processing of refugee family members, including spouses and children, further separating families who were torn apart by war and persecution. By suspending federal funding for resettlement agencies, the coalition also argues the executive order cripples essential services that help newly arrived refugees integrate into their communities.

Notable refugees include Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Grammy Award winner Gloria Estefan, and physicist Albert Einstein. Michigan has welcomed tens of thousands of refugees over the past few decades, including Michigan state Representative Mai Xiong,

whose family fled Laos in the 1980s, and who became the first Hmong-American elected official in Macomb County in 2020. In 2024, Michigan resettled 4 percent of all refugees entering the United States.

"This illegal executive order is antithetical to what our nation was founded on," Nessel said. "From Afghans who risked their lives helping our troops overseas to families fleeing floods, hurricanes, wars, and political violence, America has always been a refuge for those in need. The people who seek safety here are rarely a long-term burden. If anything, they become successful, contributing members of our communities. Yet, this executive order not only separates families but also cuts off funding for resettlement agencies that help refugees integrate and thrive. This is not who we are as a nation, and I will continue to stand with Michigan refugees and my colleagues against this unlawful order."

The amicus brief filed by Attorney General Nessel and the coalition of states supports a request for a preliminary injunction filed by a group of impacted refugees and refugee-serving agencies.

Joining Attorney General Nessel in filing the amicus brief are the attorneys general of Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Latino Freeze Movement

Freeze the NIH? Freeze Diversity, Equity and Inclusion? Freeze immigration in the United States?

Did you know that the Latino GDP in the United States is the fifth largest in the world? 3.7 trillion dollars. Latinos also make up 20% of the U.S. population.

Latinos and Latinas stop spending money. Hold the line. We can all collectively make a big impact by simply holding and not spending our money.

Starting NOW until they show us they care about our minority and immigrant populations of the United States.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ***Latino Freeze***

o HOLD and SAVE your spending money.

o Shop only for essentials (i.e. food) and be thoughtful/selective where you buy.

o Continue to work and seek services (i.e. medical care)

o No big purchases, cancel subscriptions.

- Avoid making major purchases.
- No taxes on your savings.

o Support Latino American, Black American and Allied American Businesses that are supportive to this movement.

o Support Local Supportive American Businesses to this movement (who value DEI and immigrants).

- Make sure you pay for:

o Your rent, mortgage/bills, responsibilities, healthcare, taxes, etc.

o Healthy food

- Spread the word in person and on ALL social media platforms!
- Make a video on all social media platforms in English and Spanish, tag @ latinofreeze on Instagram, and use the hashtags: #LatinoFreezeMovement #LatinoFreeze

In general, consider shopping at local stores, swap meets, farmer market's, secondhand stores, trading, etc. Consider not spending on sports and entertainment (unless they are supportive of this movement).

The companies listed represent a diverse range of industries in a list that has been crowdsourced. We encourage all consumers to explore the information provided and make their own informed decisions about which companies align with their values and priorities. The choice to support or engage with any company is entirely up to the individual consumer.

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- Planet Fitness
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- Craigslist

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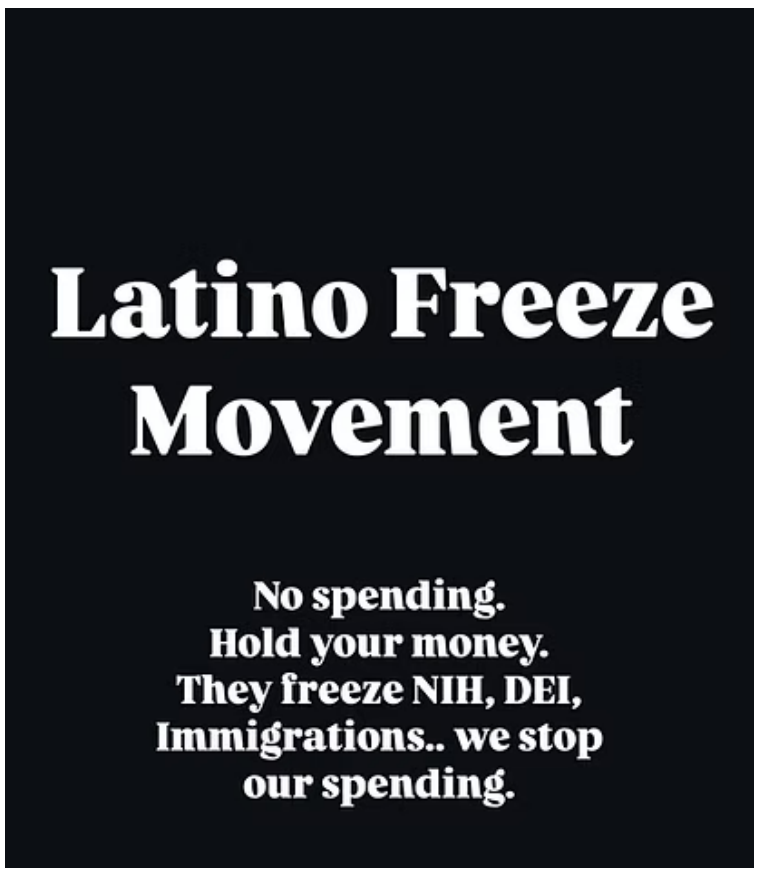

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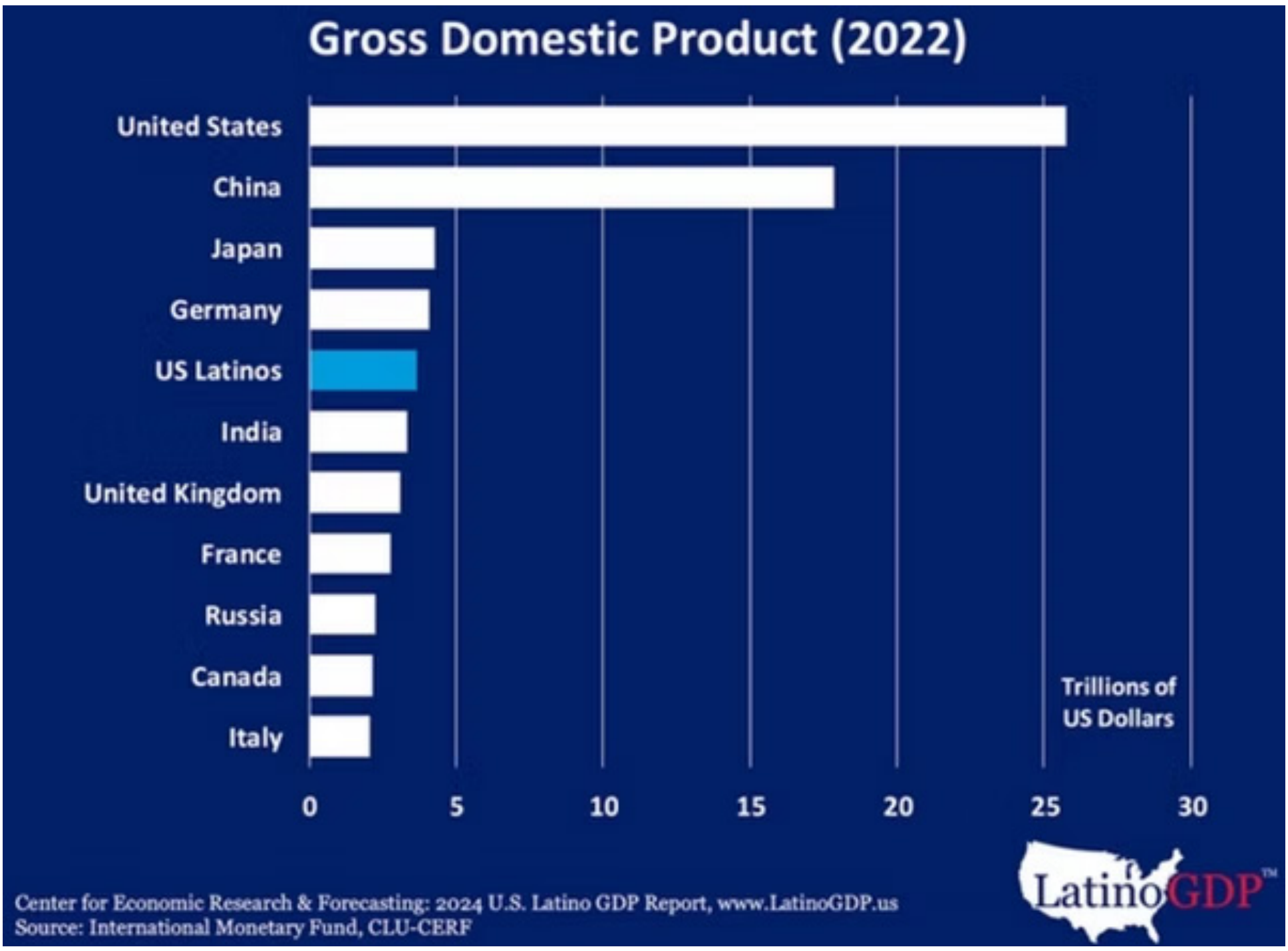

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Was your Detroit home foreclosed? Wayne County might owe you money

It's real money, but it won't make up for what Detroiters lost during the foreclosure crisis

By Koby Levin for Outlier Media

The Wayne County Treasurer's Office owes thousands of Detroiters money — in some cases more than $10,000 — after profiting from tax foreclosures in violation of the state Constitution.

Many of these former homeowners have no idea that recent court rulings entitle them to this money, and the deadline to claim it is just a few months away.

Outlier Media and other nonprofits in Detroit are working to help residents recover what they're owed. Here's what you need to know — and how you can help.

Find out if you could be owed money or get help with a claim

If you or someone you know lost a home to tax foreclosure in Detroit between 2015 and 2020, look up the address online or text it to 67485, our TXT OUTLIER service.*

If the data show that Wayne County could owe you money, you'll need to fill out a claim form before the March 31 deadline. Outlier is working with other Detroit nonprofits to help people navigate the process at no cost. Just text REPORTER to 67485 and tell us you need assistance or ask a question.

If you're not on the list but you experienced a tax foreclosure during that period, reach out to us anyway by texting REPORTER to 67485 — the data may be incorrect. Appearing on the list also doesn't guarantee a payout. The only way to find out for sure is to submit a claim before the deadline. Note: Submitting the form is just the first step in a longer process.

The backstory

Alicia Fernnadze is a mother, a rapper and an entrepreneur who runs her own to-go restaurant. A Detroiter, through and through she grew up in northwest Detroit in a neat, single-family home. Her father, a General Motors line worker, pinched pennies for years to buy it.

When her parents moved to a new place across town in 2013, they offered her the house on Blackstone Street. Wanting to raise her daughter where she grew up, Fernnadze moved in but struggled to keep up with Detroit's property taxes, which are among Michigan's highest.

In 2017, she and her 3-year-old daughter lost the home over $3,000 in unpaid taxes. They moved in with her parents. To make the arrangement work, she had her beloved pit bull, Red, euthanized.

Two years later, the Wayne County Treasurer's Office auctioned off the house for $11,000 — an $8,000 profit.

Stories like hers are common in Detroit. Wayne County made $20 million from about 2,400 tax foreclosures citywide between 2015 and 2020, according to an analysis by Alex Alsup, vice president of research and development at Regrid, a property data company. This figure only includes homes believed to be owner-occupied at the time of foreclosure.

Recent Michigan Supreme Court rulings said it's unconstitutional for counties to keep money over and above the taxes owed on properties — and that former homeowners can claim those profits from previous tax auctions. The court decisions apply to the whole state, but Outlier is focusing only on properties in Detroit.

Since her eviction, Fernnadze has kept an eye on her old house, and she stays in touch with friends from the block. She said the house hasn't been occupied since she left, a fact that leaves her furious with the people who profited from her loss.

"You guys come get my home, take it to auction, put me and my toddler daughter out, and the house just sits," she said. "It's like, what were you even doing it for?"

Who qualifies

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If you're not on the list but you experienced a tax foreclosure during that period, reach out to us anyway. Errors in county property data may exclude eligible homeowners.

Appearing on the list also doesn't guarantee a payout. Given the low quality of the data, Alsup said there are a few reasons the homeowner identified in his database could be incorrect.

The only way to find out for sure is to submit a claim form before the March 31 deadline.

How to claim the money

Submitting the form is the first step in a monthslong, complicated process.

We've heard warnings that unscrupulous lawyers might try to get a share of the money by offering to help people fill out the necessary forms — but there are plenty of Detroiters ready to assist at no charge.

Once Outlier reached her, Fernnadze asked for help. We found an old deed online through the county's Register of Deeds that had the information she needed to complete the claim form. She went downtown and paid $25 to notarize it at a UPS Store (free notary services are also available at banks and credit unions, and various nonprofits in the city). From there, she went to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office, where she placed it in a designated box. It can also be submitted by certified mail.

Next, the Treasurer is supposed to inform Fernnadze of what she's owed by July 1, 2025. Then, she'll need to file a motion in Wayne County Circuit Court by Oct. 1, after which a hearing date would be set.

For a more detailed description of the process, visit the Wayne County Treasurer's website to fill out the form at https://www.waynecounty.com/elected/treasurer/auction.aspx.

Not justice, but better than nothing

An estimated 2,700 Detroiters are owed an average of $8,000 each — more than enough to make a real difference in peoples' lives. Fernnadze said she'd use her payout to cover back taxes on her current house or to try to repurchase her childhood home, which remains tax delinquent under its current owner.

Still, the prospect of recovering money from a past foreclosure is bittersweet for many Detroiters. The Michigan Supreme Court's rulings address only the county's profits from foreclosures, not the deeper injustices of Detroit's foreclosure crisis.

The money won't erase the pain of eviction or losing a family home, and it will rarely come close to covering the financial losses caused by foreclosure in the city.

Fernnadze's case is typical. Her childhood home is worth about $66,800 today — more than eight times what she is expected to receive from the county. Alsup estimates that if every eligible person submitted the form and followed through with the claims process, the treasurer could have to return $20 million in profits. Today, those homes are worth about $120 million.

"This is not compensation" for the injustices of the foreclosure crisis, said Sonja Bonnett, a housing specialist at the Detroit Justice Center whose home was foreclosed in 2014. "This is money that has always been owed to these people. But most of us shouldn't have lost our homes in the first place."

If you'd like to help, send us an email at koby@outliermedia.org.

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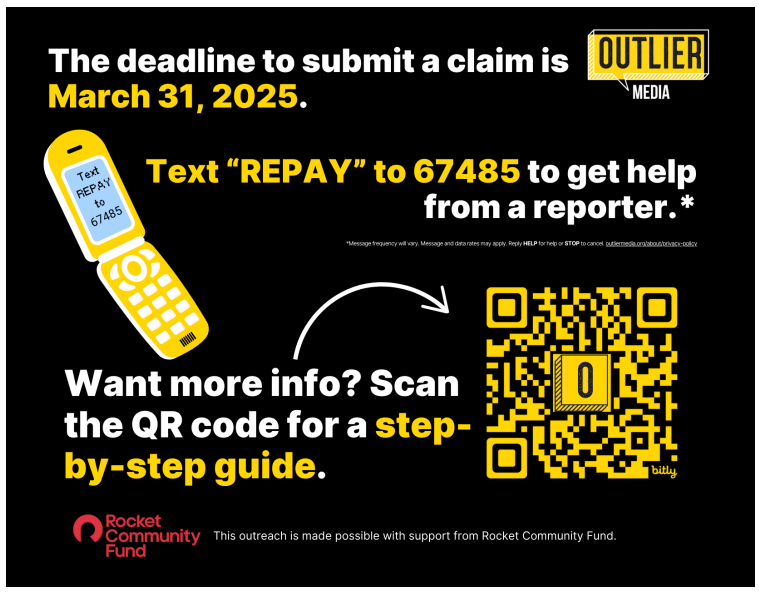
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Alicia Fernnadze was evicted from her childhood home in 2017 due to unpaid taxes. Photo credit: Cydni Elledge/ Outlier Media

Free Estate Planning Workshops Helping Detroiters Plan for Their Future

Homeownership has long been one of the most reliable ways for families to build generational wealth in the United States. With the average cost of buying a home nearly double what it was sixty years ago – even after adjusting for inflation – protecting that investment has never been more critical.

Last year, the City of Detroit announced free estate planning and will preparation services that educate people about essential life planning and legacy documents.

"Without these documents, you could lose the home that has been in your family for generations, erasing years of hard-earned progress and stability," explains Libby Palackdharry, director of operations for the Detroit Housing Network (DHN) at CHN Housing Partners.

Qualifying Detroit homeowners also have the opportunity to have five different documents prepared on their behalf, for free, through this program: Durable Power of Attorney for Finances, Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare, Last Will and Testament, Ladybird Deed, and Trusts. With these documents in place, you can:

1. Appoint someone to manage your financial affairs in your absence. This ensures that bills are paid, assets are safeguarded, and investments are managed even if you're not available.
2. Reduce the risk of disputes over property ownership, ensuring that your asset passes directly to the intended recipient.
3. Automatically transfer property upon the homeowner's death and avoid the often complex and public probate process.

"As your lawyers, we will work with you while keeping your information private and protected," explains Erma Thomas, managing attorney and director of programs at Elder Law & Advocacy Center (ELAC), a division of Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, the organization leading the program. "We are here to help you secure your family's home, finances and future."

How it Works & How to Sign Up

Free estate planning workshops are being held virtually and

in-person every month. A virtual Spanish language workshop will take place on March 6 at 5:30 PM with the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation and Bridging Communities.

Detroit homeowners who attend the workshop and make below 300% of the Federal Poverty Line annually will qualify for free estate planning services through Elder Law and Advocacy Center.

If you are interested in attending an estate planning workshop, you can call (866) 313-2520 or visit MyDHN. education to register. Our call center representatives can assist you in Spanish, English Arabic or Bengali.

You will never be asked about your immigration status. If you have questions about privacy, you can reach out to us at DHN@chnhousingpartners.org.

Talleres de planificacion patrimonial gratuitos que ayudan a los residents de Detroit a planificar sus futuros

En Estados Unidos, ser propietario de una vivienda siempre ha sido una vía fundamental para que las familias aseguren un patrimonio que se transmita de generación en generación. Hoy, cuando el precio de comprar una casa es casi el doble de lo que era hace sesenta años –incluso al ajustar por inflación–, proteger esa inversión se vuelve más importante que nunca.

El año pasado, la Ciudad de Detroit puso a disposición de la comunidad servicios gratuitos de planificación patrimonial y elaboración de testamentos. La idea es que las personas comprendan la importancia de organizar su futuro y de dejar en orden los documentos que garantizan su legado familiar. Según Libby Palackdharry, directora de operaciones en Detroit Housing Network (DHN) de CHN Housing Partners, "sin contar con estos documentos, corre el riesgo de perder el hogar que ha sido el sustento de su familia durante generaciones, lo que podría borrar años de arduo esfuerzo y estabilidad."

Además, los propietarios en Detroit que cumplan con ciertos requisitos podrán aprovechar la oportunidad de que se les preparen, sin costo, cinco documentos esenciales:

- Poder notarial duradero para la administración de asuntos financieros.
- Poder notarial duradero para decisiones de atención médica.
- Testamento legal.
- Escritura "Lady Bird".
- Constitución de fideicomisos.

Con estos documentos, usted podrá:

1. Designar a alguien de confianza para que administre sus finanzas en su ausencia, asegurando el pago de cuentas, la protección de sus bienes y la gestión adecuada de sus inversiones.
2. Evitar disputas sobre la herencia, garantizando que sus activos se transfieran directamente a la persona que usted elija.
3. Lograr que, en caso de fallecimiento, la propiedad se transfiera automáticamente sin tener que recurrir a un proceso de sucesión complicado y público.

Erma Thomas, abogada principal y directora de programas en el Elder Law & Advocacy Center (ELAC)—parte de Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, la organización que lidera esta iniciativa—comenta: "Como sus abogados, trabajaremos con usted, manteniendo su información privada y protegida. Estamos aquí para ayudarle a asegurar el hogar, las finanzas y el futuro de su familia."

Cómo Funciona y Cómo Inscribirse

Cada mes se ofrecen talleres gratuitos de planificación patrimonial, tanto en línea como presenciales. Por ejemplo, el próximo taller virtual en español se llevará a cabo el 6 de marzo a las 5:30 p.m., organizado por Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation y Bridging Communities.

Los propietarios en Detroit que asistan al taller y cuyos ingresos anuales estén por debajo del 300% del umbral federal de pobreza podrán acceder a estos servicios de forma gratuita a través del Elder Law & Advocacy Center.

Si le interesa participar, llame al (866) 313-2520 o visite MyDHN.education para inscribirse. Los representantes del centro de atención telefónica pueden ayudarle en español, inglés, árabe o bengalí.

Y recuerde: en ningún momento se le preguntará sobre su situación migratoria. Para cualquier consulta sobre la privacidad de sus datos, puede escribir a DHN@chnhousingpartners.org.

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Deportation fears create ripple effects for immigrants and their communities

By Kristina Fullerton Rico - Research Fellow, Center for Racial Justice,
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The Trump administration's plan to deport millions of immigrants living in the country without permission is falling far short of its initial goals in its first few weeks.

But there has been an increase in immigration raids in multiple cities, including Los Angeles and Miami, since Trump took office.

After Trump's inauguration, rumors of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents roaming the streets or showing up at churches and schools have spread on social media and messaging apps, sending waves of panic in immigrant communities from coast to coast.

When I share my research on the effects of U.S. immigration policies, I find that most people intuitively understand how being deported can upend someone's life.

In fact, research shows that deportation, and the risk of deportation, impacts more than just the person who is deported.

Deporting immigrants often separates individuals from their families, exiles them to countries that don't feel like home, and leaves them poor, with few job prospects.

Immigrants who are deported also face social stigmas that lead to further isolation and mental health conditions, including depression, anxiety and risk of suicide.

A family matter

Immigrants in the country without permission tend to belong to mixed-immigration-status families, meaning that at least one family member has legal permission to be in the country or has citizenship.

In some cases, mixed-status families feel pressure to leave the U.S. together if one family member is deported.

Researchers call this phenomenon "de facto deportation." It frequently affects young, U.S.-born children whose parents are deported.

Legal scholars argue that deporting the parents of these young U.S. citizens violates these children's citizenship rights. Though these children are citizens, their parents' deportations push them out of the country and away from the lives they would have had in the U.S.

In other cases, families separate when a mother, father or other adult guardian is deported. This is especially true for immigrants who are deported to dangerous places. Families are also likely to separate if a family member requires specialized medical care for a disability or chronic illness.

But it is not just actual deportations that cause harm.

The fear of deportation

Even when immigrants do not face an immediate risk of deportation, the way they live their lives is shaped by the threat of removal.

In hostile political climates, including the current moment in the U.S., immigrants feel the risk of deportation acutely.

Some researchers call the fear of deportation "deportability." This feeling has a chilling effect, discouraging immigrants from the everyday activities they would otherwise do.

So far, immigrants' fear is likely disproportionate to the risk of deportation. But the threat looms so large that immigrants and their families have upended their lives.

Business owners, teachers and religious leaders across the country have noticed immigrants' glaring absence in neighborhoods that are usually bustling and now feel deserted.

In some cases, immigrants are keeping their children home from school. Others avoid going to doctor's appointments or delay going to the hospital.

Hostility toward immigrants also has a chilling effect on cultural expression.

Research shows that Latino immigrants who fear deportation or anti-immigrant prejudice feel coerced to assimilate. They avoid speaking Spanish or their Indigenous language, like Quechua or Náhuatl, in public, and may even hesitate to teach it to their own children.

Similarly, it can feel dangerous to play music or partake in cultural traditions.

Spillover effects

Research has also found that the threat of deportation makes immigrants hesitant to report dangerous conditions at work. Since immigrants are overrepresented in dangerous industries, like construction and meatpacking, this can lead to a higher risk of being injured or even dying on the job.

Because local law enforcement agencies increasingly cooperate with federal immigration authorities, immigrants may also avoid going to the police – even when they are victims of violent crimes.

Even in cities where local law enforcement agencies refuse to work closely with ICE, the perception that they might be creates fear in immigrant communities and leads people to underutilize public programs and services.

People who have permission to be in the country are also afraid

The fear of immigration enforcement can also extend to a person who speaks a foreign language, is a person of color, or otherwise seems like they might be in the country without permission.

Perhaps the most striking example of this consists of recent reports that Native American citizens living in Southwest states like Arizona have been increasingly questioned by ICE. In response, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren has advised people to carry proof of their U.S. citizenship.

Nonwhite U.S. citizens' fears of being deported are not unprecedented.

In the 1950s, many U.S. citizens of Mexican ancestry were deported under President Dwight Eisenhower's mass deportation operation. Trump credits Eisenhower's program, officially called "Operation Wetback," after the racist slur, for inspiring his current mass deportation plans.

More than half a century later, the U.S. Government Accountability Office reported that between 2015 and 2020, ICE likely arrested 674 U.S. citizens, detaining 121 and deporting 70 of them.

A sense of despair

Not surprisingly, anti-immigrant policies and threats can elicit feelings of hopelessness among immigrants. The fear of deportation can lead to significant mental health problems for immigrants and their loved ones, ranging from conditions like anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder to a loss of trust in others and social isolation.

Children experience fear and confusion about the future of their lives and that of their families.

Hopelessness can lead to immigrants leaving the country on their own accord. This can happen because immigrants see no future for themselves in the U.S.

Similarly, immigrants who are detained by government authorities may agree to voluntary departure orders rather than fighting to remain in the country.

Some consequences of the fear of deportation and anti-immigrant hostility are easy to see, like when children miss school.

Others – delaying doctor's appointments, going hungry instead of going to the food bank, tolerating abuse instead of seeking help – are harder to observe, and their negative effects may not be evident for years.

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Los temores de deportación generan efectos en cadena para los inmigrantes y sus comunidades

Por Kristina Fullerton Rico - Research Fellow, Center for Racial Justice, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

Reimpreso de THE CONVERSATION *Traducción Juan Ochoa*

El plan de la administración Trump para deportar a millones de inmigrantes que viven en el país sin permiso está muy lejos de cumplir sus objetivos iniciales en sus primeras semanas. Sin embargo, ha habido un aumento en redadas de inmigración en varias ciudades, incluyendo Los Ángeles y Miami, desde que Trump asumió el cargo.

Tras la inauguración de Trump, los rumores sobre agentes del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) patrullando las calles o apareciendo en iglesias y escuelas se han propagado en redes sociales y aplicaciones de mensajería, generando olas de pánico en comunidades de inmigrantes de costa a costa.

Cuando comparto mi investigación sobre los efectos de las políticas migratorias de EE. UU., encuentro que la mayoría de las personas entiende intuitivamente cómo una deportación puede trastornar la vida de alguien. De hecho, la investigación muestra que la deportación, y el riesgo de deportación, impactan a más que solo a la persona deportada.

La deportación de inmigrantes a menudo separa a las personas de sus familias, los exilia a países que no sienten como su hogar y los deja en la pobreza, con pocas perspectivas de empleo.

Los inmigrantes que son deportados también enfrentan estigmas sociales que conducen a un mayor aislamiento y a condiciones de salud mental, incluyendo depresión, ansiedad y riesgo de suicidio.

Un asunto familiar

Los inmigrantes indocumentados suelen pertenecer a familias de estatus migratorio mixto, donde al menos un miembro tiene permiso legal para estar en el país o es ciudadano. En algunos casos, estas familias sienten presión para abandonar EE. UU. juntos si un miembro es deportado. Investigadores llaman a este fenómeno "deportación de facto". Esto afecta especialmente a niños nacidos en EE. UU. cuyos padres son deportados.

Expertos legales legales argumentan que deportar a los padres de estos jóvenes ciudadanos estadounidenses viola los derechos de ciudadanía de estos niños. Aunque estos niños son ciudadanos, las deportaciones de sus padres los expulsan del país y los alejan de las vidas que habrían tenido en los EE. UU.

En otros casos, las familias se separan cuando una madre, un padre u otro tutor adulto es deportado. Esto es especialmente cierto para los inmigrantes que son deportados a lugares peligrosos. Las familias también es probable que se separen si un miembro de la familia requiere atención médica especializada por una discapacidad o enfermedad crónica.

Pero no son solo las deportaciones reales las que causan daño.

El miedo a la deportación

Incluso cuando los inmigrantes no enfrentan un riesgo inmediato de deportación, la manera en que viven sus vidas está moldeada por la amenaza de ser expulsados. En climas políticos hostiles, incluido el momento actual en los EE. UU., los inmigrantes sienten el riesgo de deportación de manera aguda.

Algunos investigadores llaman al miedo a la deportación 'deportabilidad'. Este sentimiento tiene un efecto paralizante, desalentando a los inmigrantes de realizar las actividades cotidianas que de otro modo harían. Hasta ahora, el miedo de los inmigrantes es probablemente desproporcionado respecto al riesgo de deportación. Pero la amenaza es tan grande que los inmigrantes y sus familias han trastocado sus vidas.

Propietarios de negocios, maestros y líderes religiosos de todo el país han notado la ausencia de inmigrantes en vecindarios que normalmente son animados y que ahora se sienten desiertos.

En algunos casos, los inmigrantes mantienen a sus hijos en casa y no los llevan a la escuela. Otros evitan ir a citas médicas o retrasan ir al hospital.

La hostilidad hacia los inmigrantes también tiene un efecto paralizante en la expresión cultural.

La investigación muestra que los inmigrantes latinos que temen la deportación o el prejuicio antiinmigrante se sienten forzados a asimilarse. Evitan hablar español o su idioma indígena, como el quechua o el náhuatl, en público, e incluso pueden dudar en enseñárselo a sus propios hijos.

De manera similar, puede parecer peligroso tocar música o participar en tradiciones culturales.

Efectos colaterales

La investigación también ha encontrado que la amenaza de deportación hace que los inmigrantes duden en reportar condiciones peligrosas en el trabajo. Dado que los inmigrantes están sobrerrepresentados en industrias peligrosas, como la construcción y el procesamiento de carne, esto puede llevar a un mayor riesgo de lesiones o incluso de muerte en el trabajo.

Debido a que las agencias locales de seguridad cada vez más cooperan con las autoridades federales de inmigración, los inmigrantes también pueden evitar acudir a la policía, incluso cuando son víctimas de crímenes violentos.

Incluso en ciudades donde las agencias locales de seguridad se niegan a trabajar de cerca con ICE, la percepción de que podrían hacerlo crea miedo en las comunidades inmigrantes y lleva a las personas a subutilizar los programas y servicios públicos.

Las personas que tienen permiso para estar en el país también tienen miedo

El miedo a la aplicación de las leyes de inmigración también puede extenderse a una persona que hable un idioma extranjero, sea una persona de color o, de alguna manera, parezca estar en el país sin permiso.

Quizás el ejemplo más llamativo de esto consiste en informes recientes de que ciudadanos nativos americanos que viven en estados del suroeste como Arizona han sido interrogados cada vez más por ICE. En respuesta, el presidente de la Nación Navajo, Buu Nygren, ha aconsejado a las personas que lleven pruebas de su ciudadanía estadounidense.

Los temores de los ciudadanos estadounidenses no blancos de ser deportados no son sin precedentes.

En la década de 1950, muchos ciudadanos estadounidenses de ascendencia mexicana fueron deportados bajo la operación de deportación masiva del presidente Dwight Eisenhower. Trump atribuye el programa de Eisenhower, conocido oficialmente como 'Operation Wetback,' por el insulto racista, como inspiración para sus actuales planes de deportación masiva.

Más de medio siglo después, la Oficina de Responsabilidad Gubernamental de EE. UU. informó que entre 2015 y 2020, ICE probablemente arrestó a 674 ciudadanos estadounidenses, detuvo a 121 y deportó a 70 de ellos.

Un sentimiento de desesperación

No es sorprendente que las políticas y amenazas antiinmigrantes puedan generar sentimientos de desesperanza entre los inmigrantes. El miedo a la deportación puede llevar a problemas significativos de salud mental para los inmigrantes y sus seres queridos, que van desde condiciones como ansiedad, depresión y trastorno de estrés postraumático hasta la pérdida de confianza en los demás y el aislamiento social.

Los niños experimentan miedo y confusión sobre el futuro de sus vidas y el de sus familias.

La desesperanza puede llevar a los inmigrantes a abandonar el país por su propia voluntad. Esto puede ocurrir porque no ven un futuro para sí mismos en los EE. UU. De manera similar, los inmigrantes que son detenidos por las autoridades gubernamentales pueden aceptar órdenes de salida voluntaria en lugar de luchar para permanecer en el país.

Algunas consecuencias del miedo a la deportación y la hostilidad antiinmigrante son fáciles de ver, como cuando los niños faltan a la escuela. Otras, como retrasar citas médicas, pasar hambre en lugar de ir al banco de alimentos o tolerar el abuso en lugar de buscar ayuda, son más difíciles de observar, y sus efectos negativos pueden no ser evidentes durante años.

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Night of Knockouts XXXIII at the Motor City Casino Soundboard !!!

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This past Friday, Carlos Llinas of Carlos Llinas International Promotions, held Night of Knockouts XXXIII, at the Motor City Casino Soundboard. A large crowd came out to see the 9 bout event with two featured fights between Derick Miller (from Monroe, MI) vs. Vernon Webber (from Clinton Township, MI) for the WBC Cruiserweight Silver Championship and Antwan "Lunchman" Jones (from Toledo, OH) vs. Kenmon Evens (from New Smyrna Beach, FL) for the NBA Light Heavyweight Continental Championship.

Photos below are highlights from some of the bouts that took place during Night of Knockouts XXXIII

Derick Miller (18-0-0, wearing black and gold shorts) defended his championship against Vernon Webber (10-1-0, wearing red and white shorts), by majority draw during the main event, and retained the WBC Cruiserweight Silver Championship

Antwan Jones (17-0-0, wearing white shorts) defeated Kenmon Evens (10-3-1, wearing light blue shorts) by unanimous decision to win the NBA Light Heavyweight Continental Championship

Lance "Boogie" Smith (pro debut, from Tony Harrison Superbad Gym in Detroit, MI, 1-0-0, wearing white shorts) defeated Trequan Shields (0-2-0, wearing blue shorts) by TKO in the 2nd round (2:04)

USL Championship Preps for Opening Day

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Pateando la No. 5

David Levine
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Detroit City FC has added another attacking player to the first team roster. Dakar, Senegal native Ates Diouf has joined on loan from fellow USL Championship club Lexington SC. Diouf played the last two seasons for the Kentucky based club in USL League One, scoring 25 goals and adding 6 assists. He was named to the USL League One team of the season in both years. Diouf's arrival means that DCFC has added some serious firepower during the off-season. He joins Darren Smith, who moved from the Finnish top flight, as part of an attack that includes returning forwards Ben Morris and Connor Rutz.

Filling roster spots in the lower divisions is never easy. DCFC bills itself as a low budget team, but the acquisition of Darren Smith from Finland and the arrivals of two players in Diouf and midfielder Haruki Yamazaki from USL League One shows that the club will look anywhere to add talent.

DCFC has added players who are unfamiliar to even the most ardent followers of the game. Other teams in the USL Championship have acquired players who may have had a known name at one time, but have seen their careers at the top level come to an end. Miami FC, DCFC's opening day opponent, has signed veteran goalkeeper Bill Hamid. He's now 34, but had 8 caps with the national team and a long history with DC United in MLS. Once thought of as the national team's goalkeeper of the future, Hamid's career in MLS stagnated and the last two years he has been with Memphis 901 in the USL Championship and NISA's Maryland Bobcats.

The Oakland Roots signed an even bigger name player for the new season. Former Mexican international Jurgen Damm has moved to Northern California. Among his accomplishments are four Liga MX titles with Tigres. He recently played for Atletico San Luis. "We are very excited to bring in a player of Jürgen's caliber and ability," said Oakland Roots Head Coach Gavin Glinton. "His pedigree and experience speak for themselves. He has won at the highest level in our region and represented one of the most recognized national teams in the world." Damm played for two years with Atlanta United of MLS, so he has some experience in the United States.

Two former US youth internationals joined the league during preseason. Arsenal academy product Gedion Zelalem has bounced around Europe and MLS for several years. Born in Berlin, Zelalem played for Sporting Kansas City and New York City FC in MLS before moving back to Europe and finding clubs in the Netherlands and Croatia. He has joined New Mexico United for 2025. "We are very excited to welcome a player of Gedion's caliber and pedigree to New Mexico," said United Sporting Director Itamar Keinan. "Gedion has played for some of world's biggest clubs, refining his skillset and becoming a terrific player. We can't wait to see what he does in Black & Yellow."

A number of other players with top flight experience have made the drop down the USL Championship. Veteran Colombian forward Jimmy Medranda joined San Antonio after a long career with Sporting Kansas City, the Seattle Sounders, and others. Thirty-six year old Argentine midfielder Sebatian Blanco, a legend for the Portland Timbers in MLS, has joined Bill Hamid in Miami. Having finished with the worst record in the league by some distance last year, the Miami team has brought in a lot of experience in these two former MLS stars.

Time will tell if this run of players dropping down a league as their careers come to a close continues. The clubs can market these once big time players to their fans as they represent the league flexing its growing strength ahead of a bid to form a first division level league in 2027 or 2028.

Sports News and Upcoming Events !!!

8 University of Michigan Wolverines are heading to the NFL combine in Indianapolis. Photo provided by Michigan Athletics

Upcoming Lucha wrestling on Saturday, March 8th

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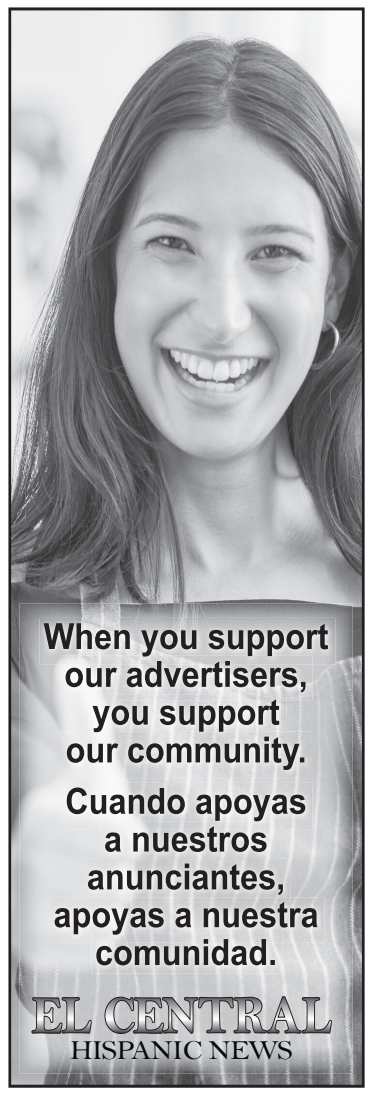
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Guest Opinion:

What Trump is really trying to do And what we must do

By Robert Reich

What is occurring now in the United States has very little to do with making the government more "efficient," or rooting out "incompetence," or "depoliticizing" parts of government that should be nonpartisan.

Nor is it motivated chiefly by Trump's desire get rid of "D.E.I." and "woke," or "weaponize" law enforcement, or establish white Christian nationalism, or wreak vengeance on his enemies.

The real story is this.

In every part of the government that involves the use of force — the military, the investigation and prosecution of crimes, the authority to arrest, the capacity to hold individuals in jail — Trump is putting into power people who are more loyal to him than they are to the United States.

He has purged (or is in the process of purging) at the highest levels of the Department of Defense, the Justice Department, the Department of Homeland Security, the Inspectors General, and the FBI, anyone who is not personally loyal to him.

Trump is rapidly gaining a personal monopoly on the use of force. This is his most fundamental goal. This is the essence of tyranny.

On Friday, he fired Air Force General CQ Brown Jr. as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — the nation's highest-ranking military officer, as well as the principal military adviser to the president, secretary of defense, and National Security Council.

This was followed by the firings of Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Lisa Franchetti and Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force General Jim Slife.

The media sees the firings as "part of a campaign to rid the military of leaders who support diversity and equity in the ranks." This may be part of Trump's motivation, but it is not the major driver. The firings are part of a campaign to purge the Defense Department of leaders who are not totally loyal to Trump.

For Brown's replacement, Trump has nominated retired Air Force Lt. General John Dan "Razin" Caine — a career fighter jet pilot.

Caine has not served in any of the positions — Joint Chiefs vice chairman, chief of staff for one of the branches of the armed service, or head of a combatant command — that nominees are legally required to have held in order to be nominated. By law, a president may waive those requirements if he "determines such action is necessary in the national interest."

Trump isn't putting Caine in this pivotal position because of the national interest. He's putting Caine there because of Caine's unequivocal personal loyalty to Trump. Trump boasted to an audience at last year's Conservative Political Action Conference that Caine had told him, "I love you, sir. I think you're great, sir. I'll kill for you, sir."

The same is occurring at the Justice Department, where Emil Bove, Trump's former criminal lawyer who's now the chief enforcer there, is imposing a Trump loyalty test on prosecutors — demanding they comply with Trump's demands, however unacceptable and incompatible with norms, or leave.

It's no accident that Bove has targeted the Justice Department's most powerful officials and divisions — shaking up the national security division, insisting that the FBI's acting leadership turn over a list of agents who worked on the Capitol riot investigations, and targeting the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York (the most prestigious U.S. attorney's office in the country, known for guarding its independence).

Trump says he's "depoliticizing" law enforcement in response to Biden's supposed bow to partisan politics. But Biden's actions had nothing to do with partisan politics. And, ironically, neither are Trump's: His are about personal loyalty.

On Sunday night, Trump announced that MAGA podcaster Dan Bongino will be deputy director of the FBI, alongside newly installed chief Kash Patel. Bongino is a former cop, Secret Service agent, conspiracy theorist, and Fox News commentator who joined Trump's MAGA world in the 2010s and now hosts a popular podcast.

The media sees this as another example of Trump embracing Fox News (Bongino is the 20th ex-Fox News host, journalist, or commentator to bag a senior job in the new Trump administration).

But that's not it. Bongino's most important attribute is the same as Patel's — unswerving personal loyalty to Trump. As elsewhere, Trump is turning the FBI into an extension of his personal will.

Every tyrant throughout history has gained a personal monopoly on the use of force so he can impose his will on anyone, for any purpose. Tyrants achieve this by delegating power only to people personally loyal to them.

Trump is even testing the personal loyalty of federal judges.

"He who saves his Country does not violate any Law," Trump recently posted on social media (a direct nod to Napoleon and other dictators), attached to a headline that his administration refuses to obey a district court order unfreezing billions of dollars in federal grants.

All this is happening just as Trump is effectively handing over large swaths of the world to Putin and Xi — the only world leaders he respects and understands, because they, too, are tyrants.

Yesterday, on the third anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the United States voted with Russia, North Korea, Iran, and 14 other authoritarian Moscow-friendly countries against a U.N. resolution condemning Russian aggression in Ukraine and calling for the return of Ukrainian territory. The resolution passed overwhelmingly, nonetheless.

Why am I telling you this when you're probably already feeling rage and despair over what's happening? Because seeing the whole for what it truly is — rather than being upset by this or that part of it — is essential for fighting back.

We — the vast majority of people in the United States — do not want to live in a dictatorship. Yet we now have a president and a regime bent on an authoritarian takeover of America and on joining the other major authoritarians of the world.

As he tries to consolidate power, we must protect the institutions in our society still able to oppose Trump's tyranny — independent centers of power that can stop or at least slow him. Not this Congress, tragically, but federal courts and judges. Many of our state governors and attorneys general, state legislatures, and state courts. Perhaps even our state and local police. Hopefully, our communities.

Ultimately this will come down to our own courage and resolve: To engage in peaceful civil disobedience. To organize and mobilize others. To fight against hate and bigotry. To fight for justice and democracy.

Remember this: Tyranny cannot prevail over people who refuse to succumb to it.

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Special World's Cultures

Venezuela

Venezuela is a country located in the Southern Cone of the American continent with a coast and archipelagos in the Atlantic Caribbean. Its capital is Caracas. It borders Colombia, Brazil and Guyana. It is known for its great environmental diversity, as well as its oil. It has a very high biodiversity and occupies the seventh place in the world list of nations with the greatest number of species. There are habitats that range from the Andes mountains in the west, to the tropical forest of the Amazon basin in the south,

through the extensive plains of the Llanos, the Caribbean coast and the Orinoco River delta in the east.

Along its Caribbean coast, there are tropical tourist islands, including Margarita Island and the Los Roques archipelago. To the northwest is the Andes mountain range and the colonial city of Mérida, a base for visiting the Sierra Nevada National Park.

Recipe: Chicken Soup In Coconut Milk

Ingredients:

5 Egg yolks
1 cup condensed milk or you can use 1 can.
1 cup dark chocolate for baking with a minimum of 55% cocoa.
10 tablespoons of sugar for the caramel.

Preparation:

1. In a mold 18 centimeters in diameter, place the sugar with a little water and put it on the fire to make the caramel. Melt the sugar until it turns a dark color. When the caramel is ready, remove it from the heat and tilt it so that it runs down the sides of the mold, tilting it carefully so as not to burn yourself and turning it. Then set it aside while it cools.

2. In a small pot, melt the chocolate in the milk. Then, in a container, add the yolks, condensed milk, milk and chocolate and stir until all the ingredients are well mixed.

3. Once the caramel has cooled, pour the mixture into the mould and cook it in a bain-marie in the oven, preheated to 180°, for one hour or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

4. When the quesillo is ready, let it cool, cover it and leave it in the fridge overnight.

5. To remove it from the mould, use a thin knife to loosen the edges of the quesillo from the walls of the mould and turn it over onto a plate that is a little deep to prevent the caramel from spilling out.

6. Serve with slices of strawberries.

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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO,
by Mariana Ayón RV

Poet: Jesús L. García

Jesús L. García (Río Caribe, Sucre state, 1995) is a poet and member of the poetic collective La Metáfora Marginada, who was created on the streets of Bogotá, a city to which he migrated in 2018. Since then, he has been writing "poems for alms" with a typewriter on the streets; he has brought this vital poetry to Guayaquil and Caracas.

National Poems

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This poem has to become a river, to roll over the page, until it soaks it with a nostalgia that picks up long threads of history, like an old woman to her rags. Be a river that gently visits an old house where a woman scares the chickens. She has a long skirt, like a sadness for being a woman and her hands stained by the old gray hairs of her skin. Silent wrinkles, those white spots on her cocoa flesh. Wrinkled cocoa hands that have lost a few fingers from counting so much what they would do with the pension that never came. She goes, with her Indian feet, with her Indian face, with her Indian mouth, where she left a grimace that tried to be a smile, but could only get there; to a forked grimace that at least served to hold the tobacco. She goes, with a punch bowl of clothes and a gourd to bathe in the river and wash away her sadness.

The river is made of the same liquid membrane of memory, of the same national memory. The river comes from footprints that brought the woman here, it flows from where the morocotas were not ghosts and mysteries buried yet, but vain coins of exchange. From further back, when this land belonged to no one and was only populated by spirits, who stayed here forever; to witness the destiny of a story that began just a while ago and was born so old.

Now the same ghosts, the same mysteries bathe with the woman in the river. They wash her head. They heal her tired feet. Now she can listen to the lonely soul in the ceremonial temple of the river and witness the coming of a goblin who playfully hides among the cocoa bushes.

And something the woman says while she rubs a sheet hollowed out with quebrada flowers, something she says of a field so lonely and forgotten by God. Where cocoa stained the hands, but it was of no use because oil appeared and the cities suddenly became big and it even seems that progress is a party. But it also says something about a hammock to rock the hours, and it also says something about the drunken breath of a galleon. Her eyes, which are always sad, know something and the cigar-maker's fork must know something in her smile, because they look far away and say nothing.

Meanwhile, the rum of the starry eastern sky kisses her lips, of an old woman. Her lips; sweet as a majarete. Some runaway slave through those eastern hills had to steal an Indian woman once. Some runaway black man once had to make love on a river stone with an Indian woman, who carried cocoa on her skin, so that she could be born; the old woman, the old woman who now washes, as if redeeming history, her husband's shirt from working the land and remembers that her country is like a bird that flies lit on fire and passes singing through those eastern hills, omens of the future that awaits her.

ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO

Venezuela

Venezuela

Venezuela es un país ubicado en el Cono Sur del continente americano con costa y archipiélagos en el Caribe Atlántico, su capital es Caracas. Colinda con Colombia, Brasil y la Guyana. Es conocido por su gran riqueza ambiental, así como su petróleo. Tiene una biodiversidad muy alta y ocupa el séptimo lugar en la lista mundial de naciones con mayor cantidad de especies. Existen hábitats que van desde las montañas de los Andes en occidente hasta la selva tropical de la cuenca del Amazonas en el sur, a través de las extensas planicies de los Llanos, la costa del Caribe y el delta del río Orinoco en el oriente.

A lo largo de su costa en el Caribe, hay islas turísticas tropicales, entre ellas la Isla de Margarita y el archipiélago Los Roques. Al noroeste está la cordillera de los Andes y la ciudad colonial de Mérida, una base para visitar el Parque Nacional de la Sierra Nevada.

Receta: Quesillo de chocolate

Ingredientes

5 Yemas de huevo
1 taza leche condensada o puede ser 1 lata.
1 taza de chocolate negro para repostería de 55% de cacao mínimo.
10 cucharadas de Azúcar para el caramelo.

Preparación:

1. En un molde de 18 centímetros de diámetro colocamos el azúcar con un poco de agua y ponemos en el fuego para hacer el caramelo. Se pone a derretir el azúcar hasta conseguir un tono oscuro. Cuando el caramelo está listo, retiramos del fuego y lo inclinamos para que se corra en las paredes del molde inclinándolo con cuidado de no quemarse y girándolo. Luego se deja a un lado mientras se enfría.

2. En una olla pequeña derretimos el chocolate en la leche. Luego en un recipiente echamos las yemas, la leche condensada, la leche con el chocolate y removemos hasta que todos los ingredientes estén bien mezclados.

3. Una vez el caramelo se ha enfriado, vertemos la mezcla en el molde y lo ponemos a cocinar en baño de maría en el horno previamente precalentado a una temperatura de 180°, durante una hora o hasta que al introducir un palillo, éste salga limpio.

4. Cuando el quesillo está listo se deja enfriar, lo tapamos y dejamos en la nevera de un día para otro.

5. Para desmoldarlo, con la ayuda de un cuchillo delgado despegamos los bordes del quesillo de las paredes del molde y le damos la vuelta sobre un plato que sea un poco hondo para evitar que el caramelo se derrame.

6. Se puede servir con unas rebanadas de fresas.

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Poeta: Jesús L. García

Jesús L. García (Río Caribe, estado Sucre 1995) es un poeta miembro del colectivo poético La Metáfora Marginada que nació en las calles de Bogotá, ciudad a la que migró en 2018. Desde entonces, escribe "poemas por limosnas" con máquina de escribir en las calles; ha llevado esta poética vital a Guayaquil y Caracas.

Poemas nacionales

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Este poema tiene que hacerse río, echarse a rodar sobre la hoja, hasta empaparla de una nostalgia que va recogiendo hilos largos de la historia, como una vieja a sus harapos. Ser un río que visita suave una casa vieja donde una mujer espanta las gallinas. Tiene la falda larga, como una tristeza por ser mujer y las manos manchadas por las viejas canas de la piel. Arrugas silenciosas esas manchas blancas sobre su carne de cacao. Arrugadas manos de cacao que han perdido unos dedos de tanto contar lo que harían con la pensión que nunca llegó. Ella va, con sus pies indios, con su cara india, con su boca india, donde dejó una mueca que intentó ser una sonrisa, pero sólo pudo llegar hasta ahí; hasta una mueca de horqueta que al menos sirvió para sostener el tabaco. Va, con una ponchera de ropas y con una totuma a bañarse en el río y a lavar sus tristezas.

El río está hecho de la misma membrana líquida de la memoria, de una misma memoria nacional. El río viene de unas huellas que trajeron a la mujer hasta aquí, se escurre desde donde las morocotas no eran fantasmas y misterios enterrados todavía, sino vanas monedas de cambio. Desde más atrás, cuando esta tierra no era de nadie y sólo la poblaban espíritus, que para siempre aquí se quedaron; a presenciar el destino de una historia que empezó hace nada y que nació tan vieja.

Ahora los mismos fantasmas, los mismos misterios se bañan con la mujer en el río. Lavan su cabeza. Curan sus pies cansados. Ahora puede escuchar al ánima sola en el templo ceremonial del río y presenciar la venida de un duende que juguetón se oculta, entre las matas de cacao.

Y algo dice la mujer mientras restriega una sábana ahuecada de flores de quebrada, algo dice de un campo tan solo y olvidado por Dios. Donde el cacao manchó las manos, pero no sirvió de nada porque apareció el petróleo y las ciudades se hicieron grandes de repente y hasta parece que el progreso es una fiesta. Pero algo dice también de un chinchorro para mecer las horas, y algo dice también del aliento borracho de un galerón. Algo saben sus ojos que siempre están tristes y algo tiene que conocer la horqueta de tabaquero en su sonrisa, porque miran lejos y no dicen nada.

Mientras tanto, el ron del cielo estrellado oriental besa sus labios, de anciana antigua. Sus labios; dulce de majarete. Algún esclavo fugitivo por aquellos cerros orientales se tuvo que robar una india alguna vez. Algún negro fugitivo alguna vez tuvo que hacer el amor sobre una piedra de río con una india, que llevaba el cacao en la piel, para que naciera ella; la mujer anciana, la anciana antigua que ahora lava, como redimiendo la historia, la camisa de trabajar la tierra de su marido y se acuerda que su país, se parece a un pájaro que vuela prendido en candela y pasa cantando por aquellos cerros orientales presagios del futuro que le espera.

ECONOMIC BLACKOUT

FRIDAY FEB. 28, 2025 12AM-11:59PM

OUR FIRST OFFICIAL ACT:

"TURN IT OFF"

▪For one day we show them who really holds the power.

WHAT NOT TO DO:

▪ Do not make any purchases. ▪ Do not shop online, or in-store

▪ No Amazon ▪ No Walmart ▪ No Best Buy Nowhere!

▪ No McDonalds

DO NOT SPEND MONEY ON FOOD:

▪ Fast Food ▪ Gas ▪ Major Retailers

▪ Do not use Credit or Debit Cards for non essential spending.

WHAT YOU CAN DO IF NECESSARY:

▪ Only buy essentials of absolutely necessary items such as (Food, Medicine, Emergency Supplies)

▪If you must spend, ONLY support small, local businesses.

SPREAD THE MESSAGE:

▪ Talk about it. ▪ Post about it. ▪ Document your actions that day!

WHY THIS MATTERS:

▪ Corporations and banks only care about their bottom line.

▪ If we disrupt the economy for just ONE day, it sends a powerful message.

▪ If they don't listen we make the next blackout longer.

▪ This is our first action. ▪ Our numbers are powerful.

▪ This is how we make history.

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Community Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 6
6-7:30 PM

ROBERTO CLEMENTE RECREATION CENTER

2631 BAGLEY ST, DETROIT, MI 48216

Share your voice on the events, experiences, and programming that you would like to see at the Riverwalk's newest park!

All ages are welcome! Refreshments provided!

DETROIT RIVERFRONT CONSERVANCY

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Property tax payment plans are available now!

Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement (IRSPA)

This payment plan reduces the interest rate from 18% to 6% for eligible taxpayers. To sign up, you must own and live in your home, and have a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) and ID that proves residency.

Distressed Owner Occupant Extension (DOOE)

This program is not available to everyone. If you own and live in the property, and are suffering financial hardship you may qualify for this program. Proof of ownership, occupancy, and hardship are required.

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Available to everybody, this plan allows a taxpayer to pay taxes pursuant to a payment schedule. The plan will avoid foreclosure provided that payments are submitted per the agreed upon schedule.

Pay As You Stay Payment Agreement (PAYSPA)

Only for those who have first applied for their local municipality's Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE) and received an approval. Once notified by your local Assessor's office and deemed eligible, our office will mail you a notification letter with your Reduced Amount Due. You will have the option of paying a lump sum (additional 10% off) or enrolling into a PAYSPA.

Many of these plans are available online at treasurer.waynecounty.com!

For more information email WCTOPaymentPlans@waynecounty.com or call (313) 224-5990.